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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8301

INFO AMEMBASSY TUNIS

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, EFIN

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY GENERATORS

REF: STATE 229998, TUNIS 6695, AND STATE 237568

SUMMARY: WE CAN FULLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY TUNIS PROBLEM SINCE WE EXPERIENCING EXACTLY THE SAME DIFFICULTY. GOI HAS CHALLENGED USE OF U.S. OWNED RUPEES FOR PURCHASE OF POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT ON GROUNDS THAT USE OF RUPEES FOR THE PURCHASE OF U.S. GOOD IS NOT AN ESTABLISHED USE. NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. END SUMMARY

1. SHAMP'S COLLEAGUE DHUANI HAS TAKEN UP BANK ACCOUNT ISSUE WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) OFFICIALS WHO ARE SUSPICIOUS OF THE TRANSACTION. THEY FEEL THAT U.S. OWNDE INDIAN RUPEES SHOULD BE USED TO PURCHASE INDIAN GOODS AND SERVICES. MOF HAS ASKED EMBASSY IF THERE IS ANY PRECEDENT FOR THE USE OF U.S.-OWNDE RUPEES FOR THE PURCHASE OF U.S. GOODS, AND WE HAVE REPLIED THAT WE ARE CHECKING. (FYI WE ARE QUITE SURE THERE IS NO REPEAT NO PRECEDENT AND THAT THIS IS FIRST TIME THIS TYPE OF TRANSACTION HAS BEEN PROPOSED.) EMBASSY HAS INFORMED SHAMP THAT WE WILL BE EXPLORING MATTER FURTHER WITH MOF AND THAT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 4 FELL THROUGH AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED. WE SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT INDIAN

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ATTITUDE AFTER THIS MEETING, EMBASSY IS WITHHOLDING DELIVERY

OF CHECK TO CAPCO AND ATLANTIC ENGINE POWER REQUESTED IN
STATE 229998.

2. ATLANTIC ENGINE POWER, INC. WHO, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS,
ARE ACTUALLY IN POSSESSION OF THE FOUR MUCH-NEEDED GENERATORS,
IN MOVE TO EXPEDITE MATTERS, CONTACTED LAUSANNE-BASED
FINANCING FIRM T ANDRE ET CIE WHO, IN TURN, REQUESTED THEIR
NEW DELHI REPRESENTATIVE TO QUERY EMBASSY AS TO NEED FOR
SUBJECT EQUIPMENT; THUS INTRODUCING A NEW ELEMENT INTO AN
ALREADY COMPLICATED SITUATION.

3. WE ARE STILL TALKING TO THE MOF ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND
SHALL KEEP EMBASSY TUNIS AS WELL AS FBO FULLY INFORMED. WE
WOULD SLOS APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY
EMBASSY TUNIS, I.E. WHERE SUCH A TRANSACTION IS SPECIFICALLY
PERMITTED UNDER EARLIER AGREEMENTS.

4. EMBASSY CERTAIN THAT FOREGOING ALSO APPLIES TO GENERATORS
FOR CALCUTTA EX ANTI-POLLUTION DEVICES, INC., PER STATE'S
218589. CONTACT WITH NEW APD AGENT PRE STATE'S 237568,
NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.
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